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NEWS RELEASE

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Hartford Police Detectives Charge Byron Taylor with Murder in Connection with the June 6, 2009 Homicide at Papa's Pizza

Hartford – Detectives from the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division served an arrest warrant today on **Byron Taylor (10/12/87) of 109 Magnolia Street** in relation to the June 6, 2009 murder of 26 year old **Babajide Oseni of West Hartford** at Papa's Pizza Restaurant located at 54 Union Place. Taylor had previously been charged in relation to the shooting incident but had not been charged with the murder.

On June 6, 2009 at approximately 2:13 a.m. Hartford Police officers, who were working a downtown special detail, responded to Papa's Pizza Restaurant at 54 Union Place after hearing several shots fired from the area. Officers located five gunshot victims who were transported to area hospitals. Four of the victims received non-life threatening injuries. A fifth victim who was shot in the back, later identified Mr. Babajide Oseni of West Hartford, subsequently died from his injuries.

Detectives from the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division and the Hartford Police Department's Crime Scene Division responded to the scene to investigate the incident. On that same night, Hartford Police Officers successfully arrested Taylor and charged him with Assault 1st Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm, Reckless Endangerment 1st Degree, and Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm in relation to the shooting incident.

After a continued investigation, Hartford Police Major Crimes Detectives obtained a warrant charging Taylor with one count of Murder and one count of Tampering with Evidence. An additional \$500,000.00 bond was ordered.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Sergeant Rob Davis of the Hartford Police Major Crimes Division at 860-757-4256 or Hartford Crime Stoppers at 860-722 TIPS (8477).

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